

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form**

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Blume, Martin, Jr., Farm

other names/site number 003-104-35004

2. Location

street & number 7311 Flutter Road N/A ☐ not for publication

city or town Fort Wayne ☒ vicinity

state Indiana code IN county Allen code 003 zip code 46835

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

Indiana Department of Natural Resources

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

☐ entered in the National Register.

☐ See continuation sheet

☐ determined eligible for the National Register.

☐ See continuation sheet

☐ determined not eligible for the National Register.

☐ removed from the National Register.

☐ other, (explain:)

Blume, Martin, Jr. Farm

Name of Property

Allen County, IN

County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-state
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing

5

0

3

0

8

Noncontributing

0

0

0

0

0

buildings

sites

structures

objects

Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

AGRICULTURE: Animal facility

AGRICULTURE: Storage

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: single dwelling

AGRICULTURE: storage

7. Description

Architectural Classification

(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN: Italianate

OTHER: English barn

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation	STONE: limestone
n	
walls	BRICK
	WOOD: weatherboard

roof	ASHPALT
other	STONE

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more sheets.)

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8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for the National Register listing.)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significant within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

Areas of significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

AGRICULTURE

Period of Significance

c.1883-1955

Significant Dates

N/A

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

White, E. H. (builder)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

☐ preliminary determination if individual
listing (36

CFR 67) has been requested

☐ previously listed in the National Register

☐ previously determined eligible by the
National Register

☐ designated a National Historic Landmark

☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings
Survey

#

☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering

Record

#

Primary location of additional data:

☐ State Historic Preservation Office

☐ Other State agency

☐ Federal agency

☒ Local government

☐ University

☒ Other

Name of repository:

ARCH Inc.; Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical
Society

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of
Property 2 acres

UTM References
(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

1 1 6 6 6 3 5 4 0 4 5 5 8 6 4 0
Zone Easting Northing

2

3 Zone Easting Northing

4

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

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organization
n _____

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state **IN**

zip code **46835**

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A **USGS map** (7.5 Or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative **black and white photographs** of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

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Narrative Description

The Martin Blume Jr. Farm is located just northeast of Fort Wayne in Section 3 of St. Joseph Township Allen County, Indiana. The farmstead resides on gentle hilly terrain in an area that is still generally considered agricultural farmland. This property contains eight contributing resources; the farmhouse, timber frame threshing barn, two smaller barns, brooder house, windmill frame, small smokehouse and privy. The house and outbuildings are clustered together in close proximity for efficiency of daily farm activities.

Farmhouse

The farmhouse is a two story Latin cross, red brick Italianate with a low hip roof. The builder, E. H. White, signed a riser under the main staircase, which dates the house to July 4th, 1885. The original house exterior is a common bond brick wall resting on a roughly dressed limestone foundation. The east section is a recently added two-car garage and master bedroom suite above. A frieze board runs the entire perimeter of the house and features large ornate brackets and smaller brackets in-between. (Photo 15) The south side of the house faces Flutter Road and three mature maple trees. To the east is the large barn and more farm field beyond. The north side faces the brooder house and a small pond. (See sketch map) The west side of the house faces a few mature trees and a neighbor's house.

On the exterior, each of the doors has an accompanying transom window above. All the windows in the house have a rectangular limestone header above and footer below. The porch columns include very decorative cutout wooden brackets. (Photo 22) The south elevation of the house features two porches and ten large double hung windows. (Photos 1 & 2) The downstairs windows to the west open to the parlor and the upstairs windows to the west open up to bedrooms. All the first and second story double hung windows in the house are vinyl replacement windows. All the basement windows are original wood windows. There is a door on the southeast porch, which opens into the dining room. (Photo 14) All four exterior doors are original solid wood with three of them having a glass upper half with upper radius corners. The east elevation also features the same two porches and includes a large bay window from the dining room. (Photos 1 & 12) The southern door on the southeast porch opens into the parlor and the door to the north of the bay windows opens to the mudroom. Unique ornate brackets adorn the perimeter of the dining room bay windows. (Photo 13) The upstairs windows open to bedrooms and two

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large garage doors complete the east elevation. The north elevation has three large windows and one service door to the garage. (Photo 3) The two windows upstairs open into the new master bedroom and the downstairs window opens into the keeping room. The west elevation features a small back porch, three double hung windows and one door leading into the keeping room. This side also has a false window pocket with two permanently closed shutters. (Photos 2 & 3) The false window was probably included for architectural balance. The upstairs window opens to a bathroom. The downstairs window in the center opens to the library and the north window opens to the keeping room.

A recent addition was added to the house in 2004. The addition stretches the house eastward and includes a two car garage, mud room and half bath downstairs and a new master bedroom suite and sitting room upstairs above the garage. (Photos 1 & 3) Details of the original house are matched as closely as possible. For example the exterior door in the kitchen was saved and re-framed in the new porch. The garage doors are two separate doors with an old fashion carriage house appearance. The second porch was included to mirror the original porch and flank each side of the bay windows to achieve architectural balance. (Photo 1)

The parlor is entered into from the southeast porch. The parlor features crown molding and a stained glass transom over the door. Hardwood oak flooring is present in the parlor and throughout most of the house. All the interior doors in the house are matching four panel type solid wood doors. The interior door frames, window frames and baseboard moldings are also ornate and consistent throughout the home. (Photo 17) Each room has ceiling molding around its perimeter, usually crown molding with an occasional secondary molding. All the main level rooms have ten-foot high ceilings. Access to the dining room is achieved from the parlor through a pair of paneled doors. (Photo 4) All the doors in the house also emphasize handsome cast metal hinges. (Photo 17) The dining room is in the center of the main level and also connects northward to the kitchen, northwest to the keeping room and west to the library. (Photo 5) The only chimney in the house shares the dining room and kitchen walls. In the dining room, a wood-burning stove is present for auxiliary heat in winter. (Photo 5) The dining room includes the large beautiful bay windows with original moldings, surrounded by an exposed brick wall. (Photo 16) The dining room also highlights an interior brick wall on the north side. This wall has recently added (1990s) rectangular paneling and trim framing the brick. (Photo 5) The kitchen is off the north end of the dining room. To the east of the kitchen is the recent addition. (Photo 18) The addition includes a mudroom, laundry room and attached two-car garage. The library is directly west of the dining room. The library features a wide

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band of crown molding and has a small closet under the main staircase. In the closet on a stair riser, the builder's signature is still present. (E. H. White July 4th 1885) The keeping room in the northwest corner is accessible from the dining room or the kitchen. The keeping room has two exposed brick walls that reveal some of the old building techniques that were utilized from the original construction. An original perimeter of cherry wood wainscoting surrounds and completes the keeping room. The stairway to the basement leads from the keeping room. There is a full basement under the entire original house. This basement was used for storage and as a cellar for canned foods. The basement walls are fieldstone and mortar and the floor is poured concrete on the north and south ends and loose brick in the middle section.

The stairway leads upstairs from the dining room to a modest landing surrounded by three bedrooms and a full bath. The landing is adjacent to a short hallway, which connects the bedrooms. (Photo 20) The stairwell is adorned with a beautiful original railing and balusters. (Photo 6) The upstairs was originally four bedrooms, however one room was converted into a full bath in the early 1990's. All of the upstairs bedroom doors include a transom window above. All the rooms upstairs have nine-foot ceilings and consistent trim molding, hardwood flooring, matching hardwood doors and hardware. All the upstairs walls are plaster & lath and additionally covered over with a recent layer of drywall. All the upstairs rooms also include crown molding around the ceiling perimeter. The south facing bedroom sits directly over the parlor. The large south bedroom has two south facing windows and does not have any type of closet. The east facing bedroom has a small original closet next to the chimney and has three windows. (Photo 19) Two windows face eastward toward the big barn and the third window faces south over the southeast porch roof. The northwest bedroom is directly over the keeping room. The northwest bedroom was converted to a full bath. This conversion was the first upstairs indoor plumbing in this house. The northeast bedroom sits over the kitchen and also has a small closet adjacent to the chimney. The northeast bedroom originally had only one window. This window was converted into a doorway for access to the new addition.

The new addition includes a sitting room and master bedroom suite. (Photo 21) The sitting room faces southeast and is entered into from the old northeast bedroom. The sitting room has two windows, one facing south and one facing east over the new porch. From the sitting room one can enter the master bedroom. The new master bedroom faces north, east & south and spans the full width of the garage. The master bedroom has four windows, one north, one south and two facing east. Off the west side of the master bedroom is a spacious full bath and dressing room.

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The first dwelling on the property was a log cabin, second the large barn and then the brick house. Remnants of an old driveway leading to the log cabin location still exist. Miscellaneous archeological artifacts, such as pottery chips, can still be found near the log cabin site.

Large Three-Bay Threshing Barn

The property includes many out buildings. The grandest of these is the large timber frame three-bay threshing barn, with post-and-beam construction. (Photo 7) The location of this large structure is due east of the farmhouse. This large barn dates to c.1883 and measures 80' long by 40' wide and 40' tall. The timber frame construction with its mortise & tenon and wood peg joinery, is an excellent living example of 19th century regional building techniques. This large structure is constructed from hand hewn native oak timbers measuring up to 40 feet long and vertical cedar board siding. The gable roof has a steep pitch of 45 degrees. Portions of the original cedar shake roof are still present inside the barn under a more recent asphalt shingle roof. Eight large horizontal sliding doors measuring 12' x 8', provide access through the barn in the center of the east and west sides. The cupola on top of the barn provides excellent ventilation. At the peak of the gable ends is a decorative owl hole for barn swallows and additional ventilation. An old water cistern still exists in the south end of the barn next to the animal stalls. Above the animal stalls is a hayloft. The loft floor has wood planks, which measure up to 20" wide. A hay bail track and equipment is also present inside along the entire ridge board. The vastness of the internal space was obviously invaluable for threshing grain, storing hay & straw and protecting animals year round.

Timber Frame Hog Barn

Northwest of the threshing barn is a smaller barn also constructed of timber frame building techniques. (Photo 8) This barn measures 33' x 24' and dates to c.1889. Raising and breeding of hogs was probably the main purpose for this structure, since remnants of a corncrib still exist inside along the west wall and evidence suggests the presence of a larger corncrib directly to the north. This barn is also adorned with a small cupola and is constructed from native oak timbers and vertical cedar sideboards. Two horizontal sliding doors provide access on the south side. And another sliding door is present on the north gable end. The foundation is a stone and concrete footer with an earth floor. The original roof was cedar shake, however the current roof is galvanized sheet metal.

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Storage Barn

Directly west of the hog barn is a storage barn which measures 34' x 24'. (Photo 8) This barn dates to c.1899 and is constructed from a more modern balloon frame technique. The structural members of this barn are rough sawn oak. The flooring in this building is tongue and groove wood boards. Currently the roof on this structure is also galvanized sheet metal.

Brooder House

North of the farmhouse and just west of the storage barn is a 28' x 18' brooder house used for raising chickens and eggs. (Photo 9) This barn is also balloon frame construction and was built in the early 20th century. This building has a poured concrete floor with a small door facing the house on the south side and a large sliding door facing north. Several windows are present along the south side and the roof is asphalt shingles.

Windmill Frame

An old windmill frame approximately 32' tall, stands southeast of the farmhouse. (Photo 10) The original windmill assembly is gone but the frame is in good condition. This windmill frame probably dates to the early 20th century. A well is present directly under the windmill frame. Remnants of a milk house foundation also exist near the base of the windmill. Cold water was probably pumped up and circulated through the milk house to keep the milk cool until it could be picked up for transport.

Smokehouse

A brick smokehouse measuring 8' x 10' is located to the northwest of the farmhouse. (Photo 11) This small building was used for smoking and curing of meat. This structure is not original to the farm, however it does have a slate roof and is authentic to the period. The brick smokehouse probably dates to the early 20th century.

Privy

A small privy is located just north of the brick smokehouse. (Photo 11) This structure is not original to the farm, but is authentic to the period and probably dates to the late 19th

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century. The privy is a three seater with oak structural members, cedar board siding and a cedar shake roof.

Narrative Statement of Significance

The Martin Blume Jr. Farm meets National Register criteria A and C in the areas of agriculture and architecture. The Italianate farmhouse and its well preserved outbuildings represent the pattern of agricultural development and land use, which characterized Northern Indiana in the late 19th century. The brick farmhouse and outbuildings also form an excellent collection of historically accurate buildings prevalent in Northern Indiana from the identified period of significance. (1883 – 1956)

Agriculture and settlement were closely linked in the development of northern Indiana. Allen County was originally organized in 1824. Publications indicate that the population grew steadily as more land was cultivated and smaller businesses flourished. The population of Allen County was approximately 1,000 in 1830, 5,942 in 1840 and over 13,000 in 1849. The principal rivers, St. Mary's, St Joseph's and Maumee, and streams made navigation throughout the county much less difficult. Native Americans still held land reserves in Allen County in the early part of the 19th century, including Miami Chief Richardville. Shortly after Chief Richardville's death in 1840, Native Americans were faced with assimilation into Euro-American culture or migration to the west. This further opened up Allen County to settlement and agriculture. The soil in Allen County is generally of good quality and excellent for cultivation of wheat, rye, corn, oats and grass. Therefore Allen County was an excellent area to establish a farmstead in the mid 19th century.

Like most settlers, Martin Blume Sr. came to the area seeking undeveloped land for cultivation. Martin Sr. was born in Germany, and immigrated to the United States with his parents in 1835. Later in 1863 Martin Sr. moved to Allen County and acquired a large section of land, which he cleared and farmed until he retired. Martin Jr. and his two brothers obviously assisted their father immensely as they prepared this settlement for cultivation. Oak trees were one of the most common natural timbers in Allen County. Therefore most of the oak building materials in the house and barns were probably harvested from this property or acquired from one of the local sawmills. Farming probably centered around corn and hogs, since a large corncrib used to exist directly behind the hog barn.

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The Martin Blume Jr. farm illustrates significant trends in agriculture for Allen County. The land was originally sold to Martin Blume Jr. and his wife, Cecilia, from his father Martin Sr. in 1878 and consisted of 157 acres. Martin Jr. and Cecilia proceeded to construct the large barn in c.1883 and complete the brick house in 1885. The brick farmhouse is a living testament to the quality structural building elements and wonderful architectural detail of the time period. The qualities present in the house and barns indicate a prosperous farm. Cecilia passed away in 1901 and after Martin Jr. died in 1939, their son, Homer Blume continued to farm this property and reside in the brick farmhouse. Homer and his wife Mildred raised their children there and farmed the property until Homer's death in 1973. Census records and obituaries indicate that Martin Sr., Martin Jr., and Homer each made their living as farmers.

The 1880 Agriculture Census paints a picture of life on the Blume family farms. This was the period just before Martin and Cecilia completed the brick Italianate house. Perhaps some of the agricultural buildings were already completed. In 1879, the senior Blume held 170 acres in cultivation, grew corn, oats, potatoes and had a four acre apple orchard. Martin Sr. also tended five cows, yielding 400 lbs. of butter, twenty-two hogs, 160 sheep, fifty chickens (250 eggs that year), and owned five horses. Martin Sr. paid hired hands to help him; amounting to \$200 per year in wages.

Martin Jr. and Cecilia's farm was similar. Both were prosperous middle class farms that yielded diverse products for home and surplus. They raised sheep, hogs, and chickens in similar numbers. Crops and the orchard were similar in acreage, but, an important difference was that Martin Jr. kept a significant amount of acreage in wheat, yielding 394 bushels that year. In fact, many farms in the area raised wheat. In the decades before Western U.S. states became the nation's breadbasket, Indiana farmers dedicated much energy to wheat crops to satisfy Eastern city's flour demands. Certainly, Martin Jr. would have needed a sizable wheat threshing barn, as well as the other specialized buildings seen today on the farm. The two Blume Farms housed higher numbers of animals and produced outstanding yields compared to most other farms in St. Joseph Township. In comparison, most farms in St. Joseph Township today are dedicated to specialization in few crop types, primarily corn or soybeans.

There are a few other properties in St. Joe Township that are similar to the Martin Blume Jr. farm. The Martin Blume Sr. farm still exists to the west of the Martin Jr. residence.

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The Martin Sr. property consists of a handsome vernacular gabled ell house and a well-preserved large barn. The Martin Sr. house and barn date slightly older than the Martin Jr. structures. To the east on Flutter Road is the Gillerm-Schaffer farm, which dates to circa 1880. This Italianate house looks to be in good condition, however the original exterior seems to be covered with modern siding. There is a timber frame barn present, however it is in need of much restoration.

A little further away on Trier Road is the Henry Young farmhouse that dates to 1885. This is a large two story brick Italianate house. Attached to the original house is a large three-car garage addition with matching architectural features. The Young house is in excellent condition and very similar stylistically to the Martin Blume Jr. farmhouse, however does not have any other structures on the property. On Goeglein Road is the John Frederick Gerke farm. This property dates to 1885 and is also very similar to the Martin Blume Jr. farm. The Italianate style farmhouse has the same Latin cross floor plan. The Frederick Gerke house is constructed from similar brick and foundation block building materials as the Martin Blume Jr. house. The front and back porches have been enclosed with painted wood siding. Most of the soffit brackets are missing around the house perimeter. There is an unattached vinyl sided garage behind the house. A large timber frame barn is present on the property and appears to be in good condition.

On Maysville Road is the William Shordon house. This house dates to 1865 and is a two story Italianate. This house is currently painted brick and has two non-brick additions. There are no other barns or structures on this property. Finally on Wheelock Road is the Jacob J. Vonderau farm. This house is located close to the Martin Jr. property and is a brick Victorian. This house dates to the 1880's and also has a modern white siding addition. There are no barns or other structures present on this property.

All together, the Italianate house, timber frame barn and other outbuildings of the Martin Blume Jr. farm combine to form a unique and well-preserved complete farmstead. The setting and character of this property represent an excellent example of the agrarian roots, regional traditions and culture, which settled this area of Allen County.

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Martin Blume Jr. Farm
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Verbal Boundary Description

A rectangular parcel roughly two-acres is located in section 3 of St. Joseph Township Allen County, Indiana. Starting at the southwest corner of the property near the farmhouse, travel northward 250 feet, then east 278 feet, then south 250 feet, and then west 278 feet back to the original southwest corner. The sketch map included with the nomination further defines the boundary.

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the farmhouse, outbuildings and structures, which have constituted historically the center of agriculture and settlement activity on this farm. This parcel preserves the relationship of the individual farm buildings to each other and to the surrounding countryside. It is only a fragment of the original section associated with the settlement era and with continuous agricultural activity on the farm.

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Photograph Information

1. Martin Blume Jr. Farm; East side of farmhouse
2. Allen County, Indiana
3. Brad Hively
4. 9-23-05
5. DHPA, 402 W. Washington St., W274, Indianapolis, IN
6. Camera facing northwest; farmhouse east elevation with recent addition to the right
7. Photograph number – 1

1. Martin Blume Jr. Farm; Southwest corner of farmhouse
2. Allen County, Indiana
3. Brad Hively
4. 9-23-05
5. DHPA, 402 W. Washington St., W274, Indianapolis, IN
6. Camera facing northeast; with barns in the distance to the right
7. Photograph number – 2

1. Martin Blume Jr. Farm; Northwest corner of farmhouse
2. Allen County, Indiana
3. Brad Hively
4. 9-23-05
5. DHPA, 402 W. Washington St., W274, Indianapolis, IN
6. Camera facing southeast; back of farmhouse with recent addition to the left
7. Photograph number – 3

1. Martin Blume Jr. Farm; View of dining room and parlor
2. Allen County, Indiana
3. Brad Hively
4. 9-23-05
5. DHPA, 402 W. Washington St., W274, Indianapolis, IN
6. Camera facing south; dining room in the foreground and parlor in the distance
7. Photograph number – 4

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1. Martin Blume Jr. Farm; View of dining room
 2. Allen County, Indiana
 3. Brad Hively
 4. 9-23-05
 5. DHPA, 402 W. Washington St., W274, Indianapolis, IN
 6. Camera facing north; dining room with kitchen to the right and keeping room to the left
 7. Photograph number – 5

1. Martin Blume Jr. Farm; View of upstairs landing
2. Allen County, Indiana
3. Brad Hively
4. 9-23-05
5. DHPA, 402 W. Washington St., W274, Indianapolis, IN
6. Camera facing northeast; stairway with original baluster and rail
7. Photograph number – 6

1. Martin Blume Jr. Farm; View of large English threshing barn
2. Allen County, Indiana
3. Brad Hively
4. 9-23-05
5. DHPA, 402 W. Washington St., W274, Indianapolis, IN
6. Camera facing northwest; large barn with farmhouse to the left
7. Photograph number – 7

1. Martin Blume Jr. Farm; View of hog barn and storage barn
2. Allen County, Indiana
3. Brad Hively
4. 9-23-05
5. DHPA, 402 W. Washington St., W274, Indianapolis, IN
6. Camera facing north; hog barn and storage barn with large barn to the right
7. Photograph number – 8

1. Martin Blume Jr. Farm; View of brooder house
2. Allen County, Indiana
3. Brad Hively
4. 9-23-05
5. DHPA, 402 W. Washington St., W274, Indianapolis, IN
6. Camera facing northwest; view of brooder house

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Martin Blume Jr. Farm
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1. Martin Blume Jr. Farm; View of windmill frame
 2. Allen County, Indiana
 3. Brad Hively
 4. 9-23-05
 5. DHPA, 402 W. Washington St., W274, Indianapolis, IN
 6. Camera facing southeast; windmill frame
 7. Photograph number – 10

1. Martin Blume Jr. Farm; View of smokehouse and privy
2. Allen County, Indiana
3. Brad Hively
4. 9-23-05
5. DHPA, 402 W. Washington St., W274, Indianapolis, IN
6. Camera facing west; smokehouse and privy
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1. Martin Blume Jr. Farm; Exterior view of bay windows on east side of house
2. Allen County, Indiana
3. Stan Whittern
4. 12-30-05
5. DHPA, 402 W. Washington St., W274, Indianapolis, IN
6. Camera facing west; bay windows on house
7. Photograph number – 12

1. Martin Blume Jr. Farm; Detail view of bay window bracket
2. Allen County, Indiana
3. Stan Whittern
4. 12-30-05
5. DHPA, 402 W. Washington St., W274, Indianapolis, IN
6. Camera facing west; brackets above bay windows
7. Photograph number – 13

1. Martin Blume Jr. Farm; View of southeast porch
2. Allen County, Indiana
3. Stan Whittern
4. 12-30-05
5. DHPA, 402 W. Washington St., W274, Indianapolis, IN
6. Camera facing northwest; view of exterior doors to parlor and dining room
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1. Martin Blume Jr. Farm; View of exterior soffit brackets
 2. Allen County, Indiana
 3. Stan Whittern
 4. 12-30-05
 5. DHPA, 402 W. Washington St., W274, Indianapolis, IN
 6. Camera facing northwest; exterior perimeter soffit brackets
 7. Photograph number – 15

1. Martin Blume Jr. Farm; Interior view of bay windows
2. Allen County, Indiana
3. Stan Whittern
4. 12-30-05
5. DHPA, 402 W. Washington St., W274, Indianapolis, IN
6. Camera facing southeast; bay windows in dining room
7. Photograph number – 16

1. Martin Blume Jr. Farm; Detail of interior trim molding
2. Allen County, Indiana
3. Stan Whittern
4. 12-30-05
5. DHPA, 402 W. Washington St., W274, Indianapolis, IN
6. Camera facing west; baseboard and door trim molding
7. Photograph number – 17

1. Martin Blume Jr. Farm; View of first floor addition mudroom
2. Allen County, Indiana
3. Stan Whittern
4. 12-30-05
5. DHPA, 402 W. Washington St., W274, Indianapolis, IN
6. Camera facing east; mudroom from new house addition
7. Photograph number – 18

1. Martin Blume Jr. Farm; View of upstairs bedroom
2. Allen County, Indiana
3. Stan Whittern
4. 12-30-05
5. DHPA, 402 W. Washington St., W274, Indianapolis, IN
6. Camera facing east; upstairs bedroom facing east

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1. Martin Blume Jr. Farm; View of upstairs hallway
 2. Allen County, Indiana
 3. Stan Whittern
 4. 12-30-05
 5. DHPA, 402 W. Washington St., W274, Indianapolis, IN
 6. Camera facing south; upstairs hallway facing south
 7. Photograph number – 20

1. Martin Blume Jr. Farm; View of second floor addition master bedroom
2. Allen County, Indiana
3. Stan Whittern
4. 12-30-05
5. DHPA, 402 W. Washington St., W274, Indianapolis, IN
6. Camera facing northeast; new upstairs master bedroom
7. Photograph number – 21

1. Martin Blume Jr. Farm; Detail view of porch column bracket
2. Allen County, Indiana
3. Stan Whittern
4. 12-30-05
5. DHPA, 402 W. Washington St., W274, Indianapolis, IN
6. Camera facing west; common bracket at top of exterior porch columns
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1880 Census of Agriculture
Allen County, St. Joseph Township, p. 2.

Bloom, Martin (sic)

Land

100 acres tilled, 50 acres in meadow, 60 acres unimproved, 10 acres in "other" uses

Farm value

Total value of land and buildings \$6,000

Value of implements 136

Value of livestock 787

Value of fencing 11

Labor-wages paid to hands, \$100 Value of farm production, \$12,795

119 bushels of clover seed

Animals, cattle

2 horses, 2 milch (sic) cows that produced 300 lbs of butter, 18 other cattle, 99 sheep, 80 new lambs this year, 99 fleeces shorn, weight of wool, 400 lbs. 18 hogs, 50 poultry, 500 eggs laid this year.

Crops

12 acres Indian corn 300 bushels

9 acres oats 275 bushels

20 acres wheat 394 bushels

1 acre potatoes 60 bushels

3 acres apples 70 trees, 300 bushels

p. 3. Bloom, Martin (note – this appears to be the elder Blume)

Land

170 acres tilled, 80 acres in meadow, 150 acres woodland

Total value of land and buildings \$12,000

Value of implements 175

Value of livestock 1060

Value of fencing 10

Labor-wages paid to hands \$200

Value of all farm products 15000

Animals

5 horses, 5 milch (sic) cows producing 400 lbs butter, 160 sheep, 70 new lambs this year, 190 fleeces shorn weighing 560 lbs., 22 hogs, 50 poultry, 250 eggs

Crops

20 acres Indian corn 300 bushels

12 acres oats 380 bushels

no wheat

1 acre potatoes 50 bushels

4 acres apples 160 bushels



Interior Photo



Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 5



Photo 7



Photo 8